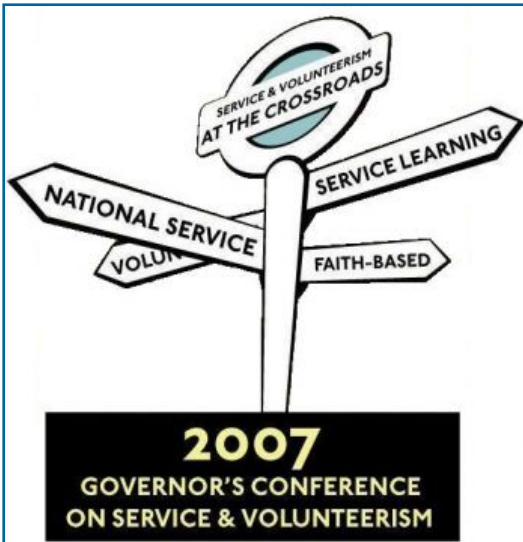


FRIDAY NIGHT FACTS

OFFICE OF FAITH-BASED AND COMMUNITY INITIATIVES



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Where should you be on March 12th and 13th??

Registration for the 2007 Governor's Conference on Service and Volunteerism is coming along at a record pace! Some popular breakout sessions are nearly 75% full already, and the conference is still more than a month away. This is the best reason yet to get your registration in for this year's conference as soon as possible!

To register for the 2007 Governor's Conference, visit www.in.gov/ofbci/conference and select "Register Now".

We have also **extended** the deadline to book your hotel room at the Indianapolis Marriott Downtown at the special conference rate of \$87 + tax. This is the lowest rate around for Downtown Indianapolis, so we strongly encourage you to take advantage of this offer before **Thursday, February 15th**. To make a reservation, visit www.indymarriott.com or call (877) 640-7666. Make sure to enter **SERSERA** as the promotional code when registering.

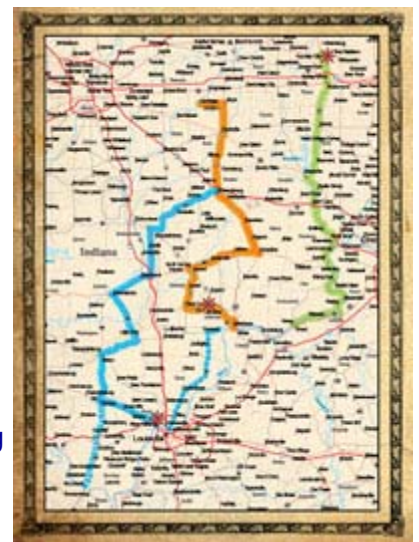
Discover Indiana during Black History Month

Today, visitors to Southeast Indiana enjoy historic small towns, state parks and forests, lakes, rivers, caves, and scenic drives. The region's natural areas and antebellum architecture are an inviting setting for a variety of travel experiences.

Over a century and a half ago the rivers, forests, small towns, scenic rolling hills, and farmlands were the setting for a growing challenge to slavery in the United States. Hundreds of fugitive slaves crossed the Ohio River and made their way through this land toward freedom. Numerous black and white residents of the Southeast Indiana assisted their movements in what became known as the Underground Railroad.

We invite you to explore the history of the Underground Railroad in Southeast Indiana. The routes traveled by the runaway slaves and the locations of the safe houses that hid them from danger are all but invisible to us now. Learning about the people and places that constituted Southeast Indiana's trails to freedom, however, will help you "see" the Underground Railroad.

From www.southeastindianatrailstofreedom.com



FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

The Indianapolis Private Industry Council Inc. is soliciting proposals for employment services specializing in mental health, addictions and homelessness.

The objective of the procurement is to contract with one or more selected vendor(s) who will meet the needs of employers by providing them with qualified candidates from an untapped labor force. It teaches employers how to work with individuals from at-risk populations and guides them in making reasonable accommodations to allow an individual to succeed on the job.

The Indianapolis Private Industry Council seeks organizations and/or individuals to provide mental-health related services on two fronts. Bidders are welcome to submit proposals for one or both of the following projects. Separate budgets are requested for each proposed project. IPIC seeks to contract with a community mental-health center that will provide the services of two full-time staff members, or the equivalent thereof, to serve as employment specialists to help participants with their employment skills, including job-readiness training and outreach to employers. IPIC also seeks to contract with an organization or an individual to provide the following scope of work: 40 two-hour case conferences (over the course of the contract, 4/2/07-12/31/07) with all Threshold Project staff to review client cases and offer clinical support in the areas of severe mental health and addictions; and 20 hours of training and education to community stakeholders to increase knowledge, awareness and sensitivity to potential consumers with severe mental illness and addictions.

The Request for Proposals is due **February 27, 2007**. For more information, visit <http://www.ipic.org/forservice.htm> or contact Rob Richardson via email at rrichardson@ipic.org



**HELP HIM BE A
BETTER DAD**

The National Fatherhood Initiative is pleased to announce 20 annual CAPACITY-BUILDING grants, each in the amount of \$25,000. These grants are available for organizations wanting to strategically develop responsible fatherhood programs for their communities. For more information, or to apply, please visit <http://www.fatherhood.org/grant/>

Applications are due by 5 PM on March 6, 2007.



The White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives has a weekly newsletter! Click on "Join Our Mailing List" at www.fbc.gov to receive these newsletters.

Philanthropy Corner

Do you know of a youth between the ages of 7 and 13 who has identified an issue and taken action to resolve it? Ripple Kids is a nonprofit organization dedicated to inspiring and empowering kids to take action in their communities. Whether it is picking up trash or raising money for pediatric cancer research, Ripple Kids wants to promote the good work of young people. To learn more, visit

<http://www.ripplekids.com/howtobe.php>





Three new courses are available from eLearning including, "The Power of the Internet for Fundraising, Marketing, Communications and Advocacy," "Tips for Successful Fundraising Online," and "Creating Successful Online Special Event." eLearning classes are available via telephone, teach exciting new options for fundraising, board management and advertising. Nonprofit executives, board members, development officers and other members seeking cutting edge and creative ways to best utilize the Internet for philanthropic purposes greatly benefit from eLearning courses. To learn more, visit <http://charityuniversity.com/Default.aspx?tabid=1316&CATReferrer=cu-elearning-ysa@charityuniversity.com>

A Healthy Discussion: Dealing with the issues of obesity

If you or a family member are dealing with obesity or looking for fitness and nutrition resources in Central Indiana, you are not alone. FitCity, WFYI and the American Heart Association want to help link you to the resources you need to make a healthy move.

In February and March, fitness and nutrition experts will provide information on local resources, answer your questions about how to improve your health and the health of your children, and show you how to get started.

February 27, 7 PM, Cooking, eating and living well, Glendale Branch Library, 6101 N. Keystone Avenue, Indianapolis.

Learn the recipe for positive weight management at this seminar. An executive chef will be on hand to cook up some healthy recipes, which you will taste test at the session!

March 27, 7 PM, Work in exercise without "working out", Glendale Branch Library, 6101 N. Keystone Avenue, Indianapolis.

Learn how you can help your family exercise without having to go to the gym. Each participant will receive a free exercise band, Frisbee and pedometer. *Please wear comfortable clothing to try the exercises.*

For more information, please call the FitCity Office at 317-536-1216.

Life's most persistent and urgent question is "what are you doing for others?"

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

**New Report Finds Indiana's
Low-Income Working Families are Struggling to Make Ends Meet**
*ICHHI'S Institute for Working Families Holding Economic Forum to Issue
Report and Recommendations to Help State's Residents Make Ends Meet*

The Institute for Working Families will hold this economic forum and panel discussion to release a new report that provides a groundbreaking look at Indiana's working families and the efforts of state policymakers to help them develop financial security. Leaders in the fields of education, business, human services, workforce development postsecondary education will be in attendance to share their perspectives on the recommendations contained in the report.

The new report, *Investing in Indiana's Working Families to Build a 21st Century Economy*, includes troubling findings about the number of residents who remain low-income despite holding down a job. The Institute report includes new recommendations for ways that the state and businesses can work together to create good jobs and strong industries that are accessible to low-income working families. The report also addresses ways to improve access to education and skills training for workers.

Investing in Indiana's Working Families to Build a 21st Century Economy is part of the Working Poor Families Project, a national initiative of the Annie E. Casey, Ford, Joyce and Charles Stewart Mott Foundations. The project examines state-level policies and programs targeting or affecting low-income working families.

WHEN: Tuesday, February 20, 2007, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

WHERE: Ivy Tech Community College, 50 W. Fall Creek Pkwy. N Dr., Indianapolis.

WHO: Event speakers include: Mike Corbin, WISH TV 8, Moderator of Panel; FSSA, Zach Main, Director, Division of Family Resources; Indiana Chamber of Commerce Foundation, Jane Howard, Executive Director, Ready Indiana; and DOE – Linda Warner, Director, Division of Adult Education.

HOW: Register at www.ichhi.org

Don't Forget...Free National Woman's Heart Day Health Fair

You are invited to attend the inaugural Indianapolis Sister to Sister National Woman's Heart Day Health Fair presented by The Indiana Heart Hospital on **February 16, 2007**. The event will take place at Union Station Grand Hall from **7:30 a.m.- 2:30 p.m.**

National Woman's Heart Day Health Fair is a **free** event where women can receive heart-health screenings, advice on reducing their personal risk for heart disease, and guidance on adopting heart-healthy lifestyles. The free heart-health checks only take 15 minutes and provide women with in-depth information about their personal risk factors for heart disease. The screening results are given on-site and include medical counseling. This high-energy health fair will also feature healthy cooking and fitness demonstrations, as well as educational presentations on a variety of topics including nutrition, exercise, heart health, smoking cessation, and many more. It will also feature engaging exhibits and exciting give-a ways. The best part is- the event is totally **FREE!**

To pre-register or for more information, please call 317-585-5858 ext. 144 or visit www.womansheartday.org/Indianapolis.